

Karuk American Rescue Plan Cash Assistance General Welfare Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will there be an additional cash assistance disbursement?

There will only be one cash assistance distribution through the 2021 American Rescue Plan Cash Assistance General Welfare Program.

2. When should I expect to receive my cash assistance payment?

Please allow at least 4 weeks processing time from the date you submitted your application. As of today, June 29th, 2021 we have received at least 1,000 applications. After the 4-week time period you can call to confirm that your application was processed. If you did not complete all the information or were missing information such as Tribal Enrollment Number or signature, you can expect it to take an additional 4 weeks gathering this information will take additional time. For the Child Cash Assistance Applications, you can expect at least 8 weeks processing time unless you submitted legal guardianship paperwork or IRS Return information confirming your child as a dependent.

3. Who is eligible for the Karuk Tribe American Rescue Plan Cash Assistance General Welfare Program?

Enrolled Tribal Members as of May 20, 2021 are eligible for the cash assistance program. The allocation we received through the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding was based on enrolled members. We did submit data for both Enrolled Tribal Members and Enrolled Karuk Descendants, however, due to the ARPA Interim Final Rule they only provided assistance based on our Enrolled Karuk Tribal Members.

“ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP Section 1. The membership of the Karuk Tribe shall consist of the following persons who are not enrolled as a member of any other Tribe: (a) Any person of one-eighth (1/8) degree or more of Karuk Indian blood whose name appears on the roll prepared pursuant to the Act of May 18, 1928, as amended by the Act of May 24, 1958, and the Act of September 21, 1968, for the distribution of judgment funds to Indians of California. (b) Any person of one-eighth (1/8) degree or more Karuk Indian blood who meets the membership criteria set forth in the Karuk Tribe’s Enrollment Ordinance” (Karuk Tribal Constitution)

4. Why did Enrolled Karuk Descendants receive the Karuk General Welfare Assistance through the 2020 Karuk CARES Emergency Assistance program, but now they are not receiving funds through the Karuk American Rescue Plan Cash Assistance General Welfare Program?

Through the CARES Act the Karuk Tribe received an allocation based off of our Indian Housing Block Grant Data which includes both Enrolled Karuk Tribal Members and Enrolled Karuk

Descendants. Unfortunately, the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding only provided an allocation for Enrolled Karuk Tribal Members.

5. How much funding has the Karuk Tribe received through the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding?

The Karuk Tribe has received \$18,968,462 through our first allocation. Of this amount, \$12,000,000 has been set-aside for the Cash Assistance General Welfare Program. The remaining \$6,968,462 has been set-aside for water infrastructure, broadband, homeless assistance, and an emergency generator.

6. How did the Karuk Tribe decide the amount of the Karuk Tribe American Rescue Cash Assistance General Welfare Program?

The Karuk Tribe followed the U.S. Treasury guidance provided in the American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Interim Final Rule and the most recent State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Frequently Asked Questions (SLFRF FAQ 6.23.21). The Tribal Council took into consideration numerous causes, conditions and circumstances of the Karuk Tribal Community, in addition to provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act which recognize the disparate impact of COVID-19 on tribal communities, to determine the appropriate amount of cash assistance to mitigate the negative economic impacts on individuals and households in our Tribal Community.